



Solutions in Care

PROGRAM NAME: **MEDICAL ESCORT PROGRAM**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: Volunteers drive and escort individuals to medical appointments.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: To be eligible for the Medical Escort Program an individual must:

- be 60 years of age or older, and
- live in Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Newton, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley or Weston, and
- be able to get in/out of car with minimal assistance

SERVICES PROVIDED: A Springwell volunteer provides a ride and escort to medical appointments within Belmont, Brookline, Needham, Needham, Waltham, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, surrounding towns and Boston hospitals. The volunteer waits for an individual during his or her appointment (up to 1.5 hours) and drives the individual home. In addition, the volunteer can serve as an escort on regional transportation such as The Ride or Busy Bee.

COST TO THE CONSUMER/FUNDING SOURCE: This is a free service. The individual is responsible for parking fees and/or tolls. And a donation of \$4.00 for each one-way trip is requested. The Medical Escort Program is funded by the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and private donations.

REFERRAL PROCEDURE: Call Springwell at (617) 926-4100 Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and request the Volunteer Coordinator. Requests must be received a minimum of one week prior to appointment.